(2) श्रेणीकरण/प्रसंस्करण केन्द्रों, नीलामी प्लेटफार्म, पक्कवन/क्योरिंग चेम्बरों और गुणवत्ता परीक्षण उपकरणों की स्थापना के लिए सुलभ-ऋणों का प्रावधान;

(3) विशिष्टिकृत परिवहन इकाईयों की खरीद, पूर्व प्रशीतन/शीतागार सुविधाओं की स्थापना, एकीकृत फ्लोत्तर हैंडलिंग प्रणालियों (पैक हाउसेज) जैसी बुनियादी सुविधाओं के विकास के लिए निर्यातकों/उत्पादकों/सहकारी समितियों को वित्तीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराना;

(4) उन्नत पैकेजिंग, गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण के सुदृढ़ीकरण और प्रसंस्करण इकाईयों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करना।

(5) विदेशी बाजारों में उत्पादों, विशेषकर आमों की ग्राह्यता में सुधार लाने के लिए वाष्प ताप अभिक्रिया सुविधाओं की संस्थापना;

(6) चुनिन्दा ताजी सब्जियों और फलों के निर्यात के लिए हवाई भाड़ा इमदाद की मंजूरी;

(7) क्रेता-विक्रेता बैठकों और प्रमुख अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मेलों और प्रदर्शनियों में सहभागिता जैसे संवर्द्धनात्मक अभियानों की व्यवस्था करना;

(8) ताजे फलों और सब्जियों जैसी नष्ट होने वाली मदों के निर्यात के संचालन के लिए विभिन्न अंतराष्ट्रीय विमान व पत्तनों पर एकीकृत कार्गो संचालन और शीतागारों की व्यवस्था करना;

(9) बाजार सूचना के प्रभार तथा डाटा बेस के विकास में सहायता देना।

Assistance by Tobacco Board

4311. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in West Godavari district who have availed of assistance from the Tobacco Board through the District Collector in 1998-99;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Tobacco Board has outlined some such scheme for extending financial assistance to farmers who suffered crop failure or pest attacks in last crop;

(c) whether the Tobacco Board has interacted with the district authorities in West Godavari recently on this matter; and

(d) the details of results and benefits extended to farmers in West Godavari district by the Tobacco Board through the district authorities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) Tobacco Board has not provided any assistance to any of the farmers in the West Godavari district through the District Collector in 1998-99.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal emerging from the interaction with the district authorities in West Godavari to extend benefits to the farmers from the Tobacco Board through the district authorities.

Impact of Glut of Tea in International Market

4312. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a glut of tea in the international market;

(b) how this would affect Indian exports;

(c) whether the Indian consumer would get tea at lower prices;

(d) whether the Tea Board has any policy to offer Indian consumer tea at reasonable price; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) and (b) Estimated global production of tea and its demand in the international market have been evenly balanced in the recent years as would be evident from the following data:—

(In Mn. Kg.)

Year	Global Production	Global Demand
1995	2570.75	2510.90
1996	2665.46	2590.70
1997	2700.04	2625.90

Despite slight increase in global production of tea and competition from countries like Sri Lanka, Kenya etc. exports of tea from India have registered an increase of 42.72 million kgs. during 1997-98 as compared to the previous year. During April-May, 1998 exports of tea from India are estimated at 22.57 million kgs. valued at Rs. 247.36 crores as compared to 24.96 million kgs. valued at Rs. 197.71 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(c) to (e) Prices of tea like any other commodity depend on demand and supply

position. Future movement of tea prices would thus depend on the free play of market forces. However, in the event of significant rise in prices, steps are taken by the Tea Board to supply economy packs of tea to the consumers with the voluntary assistance of the Tea Industry through National Cooperative Consumers' Federation and by direct marketing by the tea producers. Such steps have been resorted to by the Tea Board during 1997-98.

Imposition of Anti-Dumping Duty

4313. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the import items on which anti-dumping duty has been imposed and since when; and

(b) the number of applications which have been pending for imposing anti-dumping duty alongwith the names of the items mentioned in the applications and by when the said applications would be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE): (a) A list of items on which final anti dumping duties have been imposed and items wherein provisional duties have been recommended is given at Statement "A" and "B" respectively. (*See* below)

(b) The details of cases under investigation pending for preliminary findings are given in statement "C". The Designated Authority finalises all cases within the prescribed statutory time limits.

Statement

"A": Cases where Definitive (Final) Anti Dumping Duties imposed

	Product	Country	Range of Duty Imposed/ recommended (Rs. per unit)	Date of Imposition
1.	PVC Resin*	Brazil, Mexico Korea Rp, USA	504-2036\MT	18.01.1994
2.	Bishenol-A**	Japan	7477MT	11.03.1994
3.	Potassium Permanganate	China PR	5992/MT	05.09.1995
4.	Isosbutyl Benzene $	China PR	10634/MT	31.08.1995
5.	3,4,5 Trimethoxy Benzaldehyde	China PR	237/Kg.	20.10.1995
6.	Theophylline Caffeine	China PR	108/Lg 101/Kg.	20.10.1995
7.	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber	Japan	19306/MT	14.11.1995
8.	Bisphenol-A	Brazil, Russia	10263 - 12559/MT	26.12.1995
9.	Sodium Ferrocyanide	China PR	16358/MT to 20287/MT	20.12.1996
10.	Dead Burnt Magnesite (DBM)	China PR	1333/MT to 1925/MT	20.12.1996
11.	Low Carbon Ferro Chrome(LCFC)	Russia, Kazakhastan	10900 to 18600/MT	20.12.1996
12.	8-Hydroxyquinoline	China PR	183/Kg to 206/Kg	01.04.1997
13.	Bisherol-A	USA	10,000/MT	29.04.1997
14.	Acrylonitrile Butadiene	Germany, Korea RP	8316-13255/MT	30.07.1997
15.	Acrylic fibres	USA, Thailand, Korea RP	6.30 to 42.93 per kg.	24.10.1997
16.	Catalysts	Denmark	21.24-192.01 per ltr.	02.02.1998
17.	Graphite Electrodes	***	5517-30997 pmt	05.05.1998
18.	Newsprint	USA, Canada, Russia	Reference price 22958-26696 per mt	$$
19.	PTA	Thailand, Korea RP, Indonesia	1130-3375 pmt	28.04.98
20.	Vitamin-C	Japan, China PR	27.59-61.96 per kg.	$$

* Duties recommended to be discontinued on 23.12.1997 after review.

** Increased to 843/MT after review.

$ Increased to 12465/MT after review.

*** USA, China, Spain, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Austria, France

$$ Duty recommended by the Designated Authority. Notification by Ministry of Finance imposing definitive duties not issued. However, provisional duty is in force.